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Appl. No.: 09/762,837

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 13 - 15 and 17 - 35 are currently pending. Independent Claim 13 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112

Claims 13-15 and 17-35 stand rejected under 35 USC §112 for being indefinite. The claims have been amended above to address the indefiniteness. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Examiner's Interview

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended during the telephonic interview of June 9, 2005.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103

The Examiner has maintained the rejection of Claims 13 – 15, 17 – 24 and 27 – 35 under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Burns (U.S. Patent No. 5,904,484) in view of Baker (U.S. Patent No. 5,486,001). Applicants traverse in light of amendments made in response to the above mentioned telephonic interview. The claims as amended are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

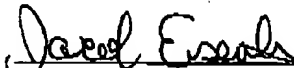
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CONCLUSION

A full and complete response to the outstanding Office Action is believed to have been made. This response is believed to place the application in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at jacob.eisenberg@siemens.com for any reason.

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